

## OUR MEDICAL INSTITUTIONS

**Opthalmic Hospital Commencement.**

On Monday evening in the Lecture Room of the Medical College in Fourteenth street, Peter Cooper presided and delivered the diplomas to the graduates of the Medical College, amid the ordinary supply of applause. The numerous assemblage on similar occasions. After this ceremony was gone through, Dr. John P. Bennett was introduced and delivered an address to the class. After briefly stating the history of ophthalmology the lecturer stated that the eye, when connected

h blooms more beautifully when under proper care

ness of surgery is the New York Ophthalmic Hospital, which ought to become the most illustrious institution of the same description in the United States. He urged upon the students that whether this honor should belong to the New York Hospital or not depended on the students. Thus they would be a city of free institutions, which knows no North, South, no East, no West. (Loud applause.)

JAMES F. KIRKMAN delivered the valedictory address. He desired to know what men of Eminence could contemplate the free grounds of the West in its present condition, and what men of Eminence could be so ready to leave the land of their birth, and to seek a home for life in the West.

Then it was reared in Italy, from which country  
it was given to the rest of the civilized world. It is

tion, though this education gave them a substantial amount of knowledge in particular branches of medicine before the modern era could be arrived at in the knowledge of the whole science. All the modern civilized nations, including France, Germany, England and the United States, have honored the medical sciences by giving its brightest disciples. The people, generally, especially the vulgar, however, usually take an open course from the governments in this respect, have generally the idea that physicians should be provided with a large pocket for insults and a small one for penitence (Laughter). The medical man should occupy a many public positions which are filled by other

able for office should be beneath them. (Laughter.)  
complained that members of the profession are not so

of the soldier, who is equally pruned whether he is the citadel of Sebastopol or Mademoiselle's heart, (cher.)

He booked his eulogiums on the profession to be carried in the sublime, that there was a congruence of the ridiculous in view, though he succeeded in getting off a good many funny things that were not sublime nor ridiculous.

His short address was delivered by Peter Cooper, and the evening terminated.

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**Annual Commencement of the Homeopathic Medical College.**

The first annual commencement of the Homeopathic

of the Historical Society, corner of Second avenue

of the room, including the students about to rate. On the platform were the faculty, comprising Beekley, Ward, Hunt, Semple, Kirley, Smith Carmichael, together with several members of the Board of Managing Trustees. Dodd's Band was in attendance, under the leadership of Harvey H. Dodworth, and enlivened the ratings at intervals by the principal patriotic tunes, several choice morceaux from the most popular as.

said by the Rev. Mathew Hale Smith, after which, President conferred the degree of Doctor of Medicine

J. Coleman, Rodney, Miss.; Wm. C. Coulton, Wood-  
ck, C. W.; E. G. Coulton, Mt. Eglin, C. W.; H. H. Dar-  
by, Worcester, Mass.; A. A. Fletcher, New York; E.  
French, Elmira, N. Y.; J. S. Glaser, New York;  
J. Hontoor, Lowell, Mass.; H. R. Hutchings, Balti-  
more; Berj. Lashus, New York; E. D. Leonard, Syracuse,  
N. Y.; N. A. Moman, Springfield, Mass.; W. W. Mun-  
nara Falls, N. Y.; Wm. Murdock, Middle, Ala.; Wm. Mu-  
nroe, New York; J. F. Murray, Newburgh, N. Y.;  
J. Payne, Bath, Me.; C. J. Roseberry, Easton, Pa.;  
F. Schley, Columbus, Ga.; Chas. W. Skiff, Brooklyn,  
L. E. Smith, St. Albans, Vt.; J. E. W. Starr, Colum-  
bia, S. C.; J. B. Tappan, New York; W. H. P. Tra-  
vis, St. Charles, Mo.; J. L. Whitcomb, Hartford,

presenting the diplomas the President said he was  
pleased to observe that the graduates were from all parts

them a love for the Union. They had passed a thorough examination and were found qualified, and it was much pleasure to confer the degrees.

Professor J. BEAKLEY then delivered the valedictory address, in which he said that it was not to be considered of importance that the physicians should understand Greek and Latin, though at least be well versed in German and French, so as to be able to read in the original the works of the ancients written in those languages, and in acquiring those languages, they should proceed without a teacher, by diligence and application.

Doctor proceeded to bear testimony against the doctrine of materialism, as opposed to Scripture. The ancient Hebrew writings, and the Book of Ecclesiastes

Divine principle—and the same truth was  
set by St. Paul in the Epistle to the Thimo-

where he played the violin, bowed, sang and might have served till the end of the world. After elucidating this branch of his subject at considerable length, the Doctor went on to speak of the actions of the schoolmen, and the childish nature of their questions. The substance of these men, and of the experiments of the schoolmen, and of the philosopher's stone, however, were not to be denied, for in their search for brilliant impossibilities often discover important truths. The foundation of the deductive philosophy is shown to be absurd and empty, in seeking for hidden truths, turned up and pulverized the soil, rendering it more production. The labors of a physician's life and duties were next spoken of. He who would accumulate

er well before he embraces the profession of a physician. The blanks are many and the prizes few. But a physician, in the course of his labors, should meet

any thanks—where he looked for gratitude he found ingratitude. He was not a minister of a good conscience and the earnest of his pastoral. The responsibilities of the physician are great, and he should be careful of his demeanor in the sick and by the couch of the dying. He may be even, as these men were, a minister of the consolations of religion, without incurring the charge of irreligion on the one hand, or of officious zeal on the other. Sometimes a minister of religion was the cause of injury to the sick, where the physician, through his unwelcome ministrations, was the minister of relief. It is the duty of the minister to soothe, and to irritate the sick by his counsels, for whoever is guilty of depicting the Saviour with a thunderbolt in

could soothe at the point of death those who had im-  
mortalized the philosophical error that death is accompanied  
by great pain:

doctor, by way of illustrating the pain-  
fulness of this duty, said that one Louis XI-  
ance, who, on his deathbed, said to his physi-  
cian, "It is not so difficult to die as I supposed." He exhorted  
graduates to be careful how they pronounced the  
word of death on any of their patients, even to their  
best friends, lest they should incur a sorrowful  
reproach, and hasten the end; although, of course,  
when it would be their duty to warn the dying of  
approaching end. It might also be their duty  
sometimes to counsel a patient to settle his worldly  
affairs, and then to leave him to the hands of  
God, as an ill timed advice to the physician  
would hasten the sick person's end. In regard to  
spiritual welfare of the sick, it was lamentable that

efore, sometimes gone beyond the strict line of his  
in offering counsel to such. Sometimes the phys-

use all absorbing emotion. Such was the case of the Goldsmith, who, when at the point of death, pronounced such an appearance of inward sorrow that his physician said, "I have never seen a patient die with such a countenance." The Goldsmith confessed what it was that was weighing upon his mind, and the physician was enabled to order such consolation as to relieve him. The doctor, in conclusion, exhorted the graduates to lay fast, bow the truth, and be true to their duty, and to leave it to the Lord to send those who were to come after him, remembering that would have to render an account of their stewardship, if they should perform faithfully, the assurance of vigorous and earnestness on their behalf. Then back the graduates fared, and the Rev. Dr. Hend then played a lively air, upon which the Rev.

meetings closed.

On motion of Mr. Attorney General Stanton, and Mr. Corwin, Esq., of Ohio, was admitted an attorney and counselor of this court.

Motion of Hon. Lyman Trumbull, W. H. L. Wallace, of Illinois, was admitted an attorney and counselor is court.

Motion of Hon. Samuel F. Vinton, B. F. Kendall, of Washington Territory, was admitted an attorney counselor of this court.

At *St. Louis, Mo., Court sitting, on the County of Baltimore, Md.*

The argument of this cause was continued by Mr. [unclear] for the defendant, and concluded by Mr. Edwin M.

85.—*Benjamin T. Phelps et al., plaintiffs in error, v. George E. Egerton et al.*—This cause was submitted to

89 — *Joseph A. Sheerinn, plaintiff in error, vs. Jacob*  
*Seiden et al.* — This cause was submitted to the com-  
mission of the Court, on the record and printed argu-  
ment by Mr. Sheerinn, in error, and by Mr. Seiden,  
for the defendants in error.

91.—*David Joseph Gubins, plaintiff in error, vs. Daniel Trevino et al.*—This cause was submitted to the discretion of the Court on the record and printed argu-

by Mr. W. G. Howe for the plaintiff in error, and by  
Hughes for the defendants in error.